

# Utah Fire & Rescue Academy

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The Utah Fire and Rescue Academy (UFRA) operates under the authority of the Utah Fire Prevention Board in cooperation with the Utah State Board of Regents. The Academy is located at Utah Valley State College and is administered as part of the School of Technology, Trades and Industry. The Utah Fire Service Standards and Training Council serves an advisory role to the Fire Prevention Board on matters relating to the Academy, and also serves as the Academy's academic advisory committee. Members are appointed for three-year terms by the Board and deal with issues relating to fire service standards, training, and certification.



Our mission is to assist the career, volunteer, and industrial fire protection and emergency services throughout Utah to deal effectively with the social, economic, and technical aspects of fire and emergency response and to enhance their professionalism and capabilities to protect Utah from the devastation of fire, environmental, natural and man-made emergencies by providing state of the art education, training, resources, certification, and leadership.

We are committed to:


- \* **Efficient** use of limited public funding
- \* **Quality** customer service and satisfaction
- \* **Professional Development** of customer and staff
- \* Constant **Improvement** of services and staff
- \* Demonstrate personal **Ethics** and **Integrity**

We continue to expand our services and to become more efficient. We have also found the Wildland Fire Internships to be very successful. Our improved website and e-mail groups have helped improve communications. New props have been built and added to the tools for training.

Professional development opportunities for UFRA staff to learn to serve you better have increased as a priority. Partnerships with other agencies with allied missions have been strengthened including those with the State Fire Marshal, Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands, US Forest Service, BLM and Park Service, the National Fire Academy, FEMA, the Utah Fire Museum, US Department of Justice, Comprehensive Emergency Management, Utah Olympic Public Safety Command and others.

The Academy provides financial assistance to fire departments in cooperation with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. Grants are provided to assist fire departments in obtaining training and equipment to meet safety standards and provide basic levels of fire protection. The Academy also works in cooperation with the Division to assist fire departments in obtaining federal excess fire apparatus and equipment.

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The Academy also operates the Utah Fire Service Certification System. The System is governed by the Utah Fire Certification Council and addresses the fire service professional qualifications of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The Academy currently offers thirteen levels of certification. The Certification System is dual accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation

Congress and the National Board on Fire Service Professional Standards. Academy programs are administered by Director Steve Lutz who is directly responsible to the Dean of the School of Technology, Trades and Industry, but also works directly with the Standards and Training Council, Fire Prevention Board, State Fire Marshal and various state agencies and organizations to accomplish Academy goals.

The Outreach Services division was established to provide enhanced communication between the Academy and the State's 240+ fire departments. Outreach representatives work directly with fire chief's organizations, individual fire departments and training officers to match Academy services to the training needs of each area of the state. This program has proven to be highly successful.

